

STATE OF INDIANA
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S
GENERIC INVESTIGATION OF INCUMBENT
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER'S PROVISION
OF OPERATING SUPPORT SYSTEMS ("OSS")

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

CAUSE NO. 41324

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,
INCORPORATED D/B/A AMERITECH INDIANA
PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-61 FOR A THREE
PHASE PROCESS FOR COMMISSION
PREVIEW OF VARIOUS SUBMISSION OF
AMERITECH INDIANA TO SHOW COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTION 271(C) OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CAUSE NO. 41657

**Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor's Reply to Other Parties'
Responses to Questions in the Commission's May 26, 2000 Docket Entry**

After reviewing other Parties' responses to the questions in the Commission's earlier Docket Entry, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") continues to recommend that the Commission:

- (1) Postpone proceedings in Cause No. 41324 on OSS performance measures and other unresolved OSS issues applicable to Ameritech Indiana to allow time for OSS performance measures and other unresolved OSS issues to be decided in Cause No. 41657, for subsequent adoption in Cause No. 41324 for Ameritech Indiana; or until the Indiana OUCC or one or more Indiana competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) request that the Commission resume Indiana OSS proceedings as to Ameritech Indiana; or until further order of the Commission;

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- (2) Postpone proceedings in Cause No. 41324 on OSS performance measures and other unresolved OSS issues applicable to Sprint and GTE until the Indiana OUCC or one or more Indiana competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) request that the Commission resume Indiana OSS proceedings as to Sprint and GTE, or until further order of the Commission.

The OUCC still supports the Commission's original goal of establishing one set of OSS performance measures for Ameritech Indiana, Sprint/United and GTE, but believes that goal can only be achieved over time. Also, even after the Commission rules on Ameritech's Sec. 271 Petition in Cause No. 41657, there will be a need for future OSS proceedings in Cause No. 41324 to address new OSS issues as they arise. Therefore, the OUCC recommends that Cause No. 41324 remain open as Indiana's generic OSS proceeding for all three ILEC Respondents to enable the Commission to implement future changes in OSS standards applicable to the Respondents as quickly and simply as possible.

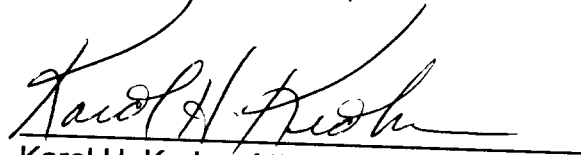
The OUCC also believes that Charlotte TerKeurst should continue to serve as the Commission's agent in Cause No. 41324, and that she should continue to monitor and regularly report to the Commission and all Parties participating in Cause No. 41324, concerning:

- (1) Progress on OSS issues in Ameritech Indiana's Sec. 271 proceedings;
- (2) Whether there is a need to revise the GTE and Sprint-United standards to include new performance measures agreed upon in other states; and/or
- (3) Other OSS issues raised by Indiana competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) during the time that proceedings in Cause No. 41324 remain deferred.

The OUCC's recommended approach would permit CLECs to seek additional relief from the Commission in Cause No. 41324, in the event that efforts to resolve OSS issues in Ameritech Indiana's Section 271 proceeding, Cause No. 41657, do not progress at the speed that Indiana CLECs currently anticipate.

The OUCC still believes that a Commission decision to transfer Ameritech OSS issues from Cause No. 41324 to Cause No. 41657 would not prevent the Commission from considering OSS cost-recovery issues for Ameritech Indiana or the other ILEC Respondents in Cause No. 41324 or in ILEC-specific unbundled network element ("UNE") rate proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing **Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor's Reply to Other Parties' Responses to Questions in the Commission's May 26, 2000 Docket Entry** has been served upon the following counsel of record in the captioned proceeding by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, on this 14th day of June, 2000.

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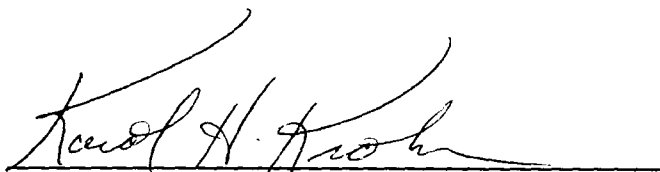
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